

# State Rejects Off-Shore Mining Bid

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**TWO INJURED**—Two persons were hospitalized Wednesday evening as the result of a head-on crash between a passenger car and a pickup truck on Hawthorne near Pacific Coast Highway. Taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital were Charles E. Williams, 47, Lawndale, and Patricia Bendorf, 29, 3116 Via La Selva, Torrance. Williams, driver of the truck, was later booked at Torrance Police Station on felony drunk charges. Driver of the car, Robert Bendorf, 31, was not hurt.

2-1 VOTE . . .

## Lands Commission Flatly Rejects Plans For Off-Shore Mining-Dredging Projects

A contingent of Torrance public officials, headed by City Councilman J. A. Beasley, Thursday took part in the hearing on proposals to allow off-shore dredging and mining near Torrance beach.

Beasley, Assistant City Administrator John Bramhall and other representatives of the city, were heard before the State Lands Commission rejected 2-1 proposals to allow permits for the tidelands operation.

In a motion made by State Controller Alan Cranston and seconded by Lt. Governor Glenn Anderson, the commission denied the permit of C. Edward Christofferson of Downey and Howard P. Ritsch of Chicago.

Vote against denial was cast by Hale Champion, state director of finance, who intimated that he needed more time to study the issue.

### OBJECTIONS

Public objection to the

granting of the permit has been widespread. More than 150 letters of protest from individuals and groups were written and six cities, or communities, protested the project.

City of Torrance officials protested the mining and dredging operation. City engineers had predicted that the off-shore operation would muddy and pollute the waters at local beaches and that no remedial measures would be effective. Councilman and attorneys pointed out that it would be impossible for cities to collect damages caused by the operation.

### PROTECTION

Other cities in the general area of the proposed mining operation recommended that, in the future, effective protective measures should be taken to protect the coastal communities from the detrimental effect of such operations.

Appearing as a surprise witness at the hearing was Assemblyman Charles

Chapel, who pointed out that the operation of such a mining or dredging project in South Bay waters was illegal according to a law which he, himself, had authored.

The City of Palos Verdes Estates registered the attitude that any industrial process visible from shore would be unesthetic and objectionable.

# CHP TO MONITOR LOCAL RADIATION

## State Okays Daily Checks On Fallout

California Highway Patrol officials yesterday discounted the possibility of panic among Torrance area residents after it was learned that the local CHP station had been set up as a vital link in a statewide chain of radiological monitoring stations.

Officers said that this area, because of prevailing winds and geographical location, would get its share of fallout from current Russian H-bomb tests.

They reported that it was very doubtful that the incidence of local radiation would reach a dangerous level and stated that the monitoring system submitted reports twice a day to Sacramento. At least one such station is now in operation in every county in California and the local station became part of the net Friday morning.

### CHAIN

Establishment of the monitoring chain followed closely the appointment of Bradford Crittendon, CHP commissioner, as state director of public safety. Appointment was made last week by Governor Edmund G. Brown.

Utilization of the Torrance Highway Patrol station for this purpose was a logical step officials said, because the CHP maintains direct communications, via teletype, with the Sacramento evaluating center.

Crittendon and Gov.

Brown appeared briefly on television last night to explain the significance of the establishment of local monitoring stations. Local appearance was carried on Channel 4 at 7 p.m.

## Police List Woman's Death As Suicide

Police and coroner's officials late last week listed as suicide the death of a 31-year old Torrance woman who died of gunshot wounds Thursday morning.

Carla J. Darling, 3761 W. 177th St., was found dead in her bedroom by her mother, Mrs. Helen Sweetman.

Police reports indicated that the dead woman had been forced to withdraw from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy two months ago because of ill health and had been despondent ever since.

Woman reportedly told her mother that she wasn't feeling well and thought she would stay home from work.



**HOMECOMING QUEEN**—Students at Torrance High Friday night met their recently selected Homecoming Queen and her court of princesses. Shown here, standing, the new queen, Sharron Radi, is congratulated by Torrance High principal, Carl Ahee. Princesses are, foreground, Donna Thistle, Leda Davis and Roxanne Barnard. New Queen will reign over November 3 homecoming game with Culver City.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION . . .

## No 'Last Minute' Reservations Available, Warn Hosts of Nov. 2 Governor's Dinner

There will be no tickets sold at the door for the dinner honoring Gov. and Mrs. Edmund G. Brown scheduled for Thursday evening at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant in Torrance.

This was the announcement made today by Mrs. John Shidler (Actress Rosemary de Camp) and Boris Wooley, co-chairmen of the event sponsored by the Bi-Partisan Committee of Torrance and Palos Verdes Peninsula.

"We want to give this warning regarding ticket sales at the door to save embarrassment to those who wait until the last minute before making reservations," the co-chairmen said.

### HIGHLIGHT

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of a large sterling silver water pitcher to the Browns—a gift from the Bi-Partisan Committee. The pitcher—symbolic of Gov. Brown's untiring efforts to solve California's water problems—will be presented to the executive by Sam Levy.

The presentation ceremony will follow Gov. Brown's address to the more than 250 men and women expected to attend.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. following a social

hour starting at 6 p.m. Assisting Mrs. Shidler and Wooley in handling arrangements for the function are Torrance Mayor Albert Isen, Jay Beasley, Nick Drule, Fred Hill, John Barton,

James M. Hall, Joseph Deebie, Walter Reese and Mayor Ray Slaney of Rolling Hills.

Dinner tickets may be obtained by calling Russell Lund, FAirfax 8-3567.

## Torrance High Students Select Officers for Fall Semester

Students at Torrance High this week named freshmen officers for the coming semester in spirited, campus-wide elections.

Heading the frosh government for the coming term will be William Valles, president; Joan Cambon, vice president; Nancy Heath, secretary; Dana Wolinsky, treasurer; Robert Brennan, boys' court representative; Nancy Foster, girls' court representative; Mike Shinoda, boys' league representative, and Sandy Enoch, girls' league representative.

An unprecedented field of 85 candidates turned out for the campaign and the flood of campaign material, speeches and demonstrations were reminiscent of the recent national elections.

At the school's campaign assembly all the features of a national election were to be found. Placards were

waved, spontaneous parades were formed and campaign promises made.

### Attend SC Meet?

North High School band and orchestra students for the first time were invited to attend the annual band seminar held at USC yesterday. Ninety-one band and orchestra students represented North High, accompanied by Robert Jones, school band director.

### ENDANGER BOATS

Several small boats were helped to port yesterday morning after they were caught in the sudden windstorm which blew up.

At last reports none of the craft had capsized although several were in danger of being blown up on the beach. Huge swells and whitecaps, caused by the wind, increased the danger to the small craft.



**WHILE VISIONS** of cupcakes and candy dance in his head, little Joe Steppard gets set for Halloween. And where will you find a more appealing "hobo" than this "trick

or treat?" Joe will be traveling Tuesday night as the annual spook night rolls around. —Press Photo

## Rally Scheduled By W.W. I Vets

Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. will hold a "Membership Rally" at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border St. at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

All World War I veterans and their wives are invited to attend and hear a report of pending legislation for the benefit of World War I veterans.

Veterans of World War I

is a national organization chartered by Congress, dedicated to service to the veterans of 1917-18 and their widows.

Art Hicks, 1011 Cota Ave., is quartermaster and adjutant of the local barracks.

### Storage Space

Annual holiday service project of the Torrance Family YMCA is in a stage of "growing pains," according to Joseph Wilcox Jr., executive secretary.

Annually, the local "Y" sends several truckloads of clothing, canned goods and toys to the Navajo Indians in Arizona, but with the large activity program in the "Y," a new storage center is needed, Wilcox said.

If a garage, warehouse or other suitable storage area is available, a telephone call to the "Y" at FA 8-1272 would be appreciated.

## Channelization Scheduled for Highway 101

The California Highway Commission late last week allocated funds to construct channelization and left turn lanes on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Location of the construction work will be from just east of Madison Ave. to 242nd St. Estimated cost of \$25,000 will be carried entirely by the state.